

# STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENTAL MISSIONS

State government employs over 48,000 employees with diverse skills. The following provides an overview of the role of each state department:

The **Department of Agriculture and Rural Development** promotes agricultural interests of the state and develops safeguards to protect the public from disease and unsanitary conditions in connection with production and handling of food, product labeling, dairy products, animals, and plants. It is responsible for livestock and poultry disease control management. The MDA assists in the conservation and development of soil and water resources. It works with the agricultural industry to promote and market MI products.

The **Attorney General** is the lawyer for the State of Michigan. When public legal matters arise, he renders opinions on matters of law, and provides legal counsel for the legislature and for each officer, department, board, and commission of state government.

The **Department of Civil Rights**, in implementing the mission of the commission, secures the full enjoyment of civil rights guaranteed by law and the constitution through the elimination of discrimination.

The **Civil Service Commission** has overall responsibility for regulating conditions of employment for classified civil service workers in all of the departments of the executive branch of state government.

The **Department of Community Health** (MDCH) strives for a healthier Michigan through development of state health policy and management of the state's publicly funded health service systems. The MDCH provides and coordinates mental health services for individuals, funds drug law enforcement, treatment, education, and prevention programs, and administers the crime victims' rights fund. It is responsible for health needs assessment, health promotion, vital records, disease prevention, and accessibility to appropriate health care for all Michigan residents. It provides Medicaid health care coverage for people with limited incomes and promotes the independence and dignity of older persons.

The **Department of Corrections** administers Michigan's adult prison, probation, and parole systems. The department has jurisdiction over all adults convicted of felonies who are sentenced to prison. Convicted felons not sentenced to prison are supervised in the community through the state probation system.

The **Department of Education** carries out the policies of the State Board of Education. The department implements federal and state legislative mandates in education. It is composed of offices providing consulting services to school districts and specialized services and outreach to help teachers teach and children learn. Program areas include special education, school improvement, teacher preparation and certification, grants coordination and school support, educational assessment and accountability, early childhood and family services, school finance and school law, charter schools, and administrative services. Additionally, the department operates the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind.

The **Department of Environmental Quality** is dedicated to protecting human health and to preserving a healthy environment. The DEQ exemplifies environmental stewardship and affirms that a healthy environment is critical to our social, cultural, and economic well-being. The DEQ will also protect human health and the environment while fostering a healthy economy.

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The **Department of Human Services** directs the operations of public assistance and service programs, through county family independence agencies, in every county in Michigan. It administers assistance payment programs available within the state. It also provides placement and counseling to delinquent youth and services to runaway and homeless youth. The department works to prevent and investigate child and elder abuse and develops programs to address domestic violence.

The **Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs** prepares for the new energy economy and promotes job creation and economic growth in Michigan by centralizing and streamlining the state's job, workforce, and economic development functions under one department. The department is a one-stop shop for business creation.

The **Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**, also known as the state military establishment, has 3 primary missions: to execute the duties laid down by various statutes and the governor, administration of state-supported veterans programming, and military preparedness to assist both state and federal authorities.

The **Department of Natural Resources** is committed to the conservation, protection, management, accessible use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations.

The **Department of State** is the oldest department of Michigan state government and is administered by the secretary of state. It administers laws and policies relating to motor vehicles, including licensing drivers, and titling and registering motor vehicles. It provides important consumer protection services for automobile owners by licensing automobile dealers, repair facilities, and mechanics. The DOS also supervises state elections, regulates campaign finance activities, and registers lobbyists.

The **Michigan State Police** department provides 24-hour statewide quality police service for the safety and protection of the people and their property in the state of Michigan. Its primary responsibilities are to reduce the opportunities for crime, to reduce traffic accidents through diligent and fair enforcement of the laws of this state and to act as the first responder to any citizen's needs that can be addressed through the resources of the criminal justice system.

The **Department of Technology, Management and Budget** promotes a unified approach to information technology management and provides centralized administration of services including auditing, budgeting, employee resources, financial services, fleet management, mail, printing, property management, purchasing, records management and retirement services for departments and agencies in the executive branch of state government.

Primary functions of the **Department of Transportation** are the construction, improvement, and maintenance of the state highway system -the 9,620 miles of interstate, U.S.- and M-numbered highways, and the administration of other state transportation programs.

**Treasury** exists to provide quality financial, tax, and administrative services. Treasury provides support services to the Municipal Bond Authority, Hospital Finance Authority, Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority, Michigan Higher Education Student Loan Authority, and Michigan Education Trust.